



VISN4
CEPACT

VISN 4 Center for Evaluation of PACT
Philadelphia VA Medical Center
3900 Woodland Avenue, Bldg. 4100
Philadelphia, PA 19104

About Us

The Center for Evaluation of PACT (CEPACT) is one of five Demonstration Labs funded by the VA to help evaluate the implementation of the Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. CEPACT is the "Demo Lab" for VISN 4.

Click here for more information:
www.visn4.va.gov/CEPACT

Partners

- Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion ([CHERP](#))
- Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers ([MIRECC](#))
- Performance Reporting and Outcomes Measurement to Improve the Standard of care at End-of-life ([PROMISE](#))

[Meet our investigators and staff](#)

Announcements

Congratulations to Bożena Lamparska, CEPACT Program Specialist, for earning a VA Special Contribution Award!

Reading a printed copy? Go to
www.visn4.va.gov/VISN4/CEPACT/Vision.asp
for the full newsletter and all the links, as well as past issues.



CEPACT VISioN: October 2011

In this Issue

Spotlight: Characterizing PCP Activity Study

One of the most important aspects of improving quality of care for our Veterans in the new PACT model is to continually assess and improve the work roles and environment for providers. CEPACT is observing primary care providers (PCPs) during regular clinic hours in order to study the activities in which PCPs engage during clinic and identify opportunities for intervention.

[Click here to read more.](#)

CEPACT Meets with National Partners

CEPACT is one of five Demonstration Labs funded by the VA to evaluate PACT implementation. In July, investigators and staff from all five Demo Labs met in Chicago to identify how our combined efforts can best benefit the VA and to set common goals and priorities. Attendees discussed linking evaluation activities across Labs as well as strategies for communicating findings and disseminating tools throughout the VA. Workgroups comprised of members from all 5 Labs continue the work started at this meeting.

[Click here for photos from the meeting.](#)

Advisory Board Meeting Strengthens Relationships

The CEPACT Advisory Board is comprised of VISN and local leadership. In May, CEPACT investigators presented several of our projects to the Advisory Board and received valuable feedback from our Board and invited guests. As a result of the meeting, CEPACT and the VISN 4 office identified new ways to collaborate.

[Click here for more information and a list of our Advisory Board members.](#)

Welcome New Staff Members



We are excited to welcome Mary Pelak and Debashree Sengupta to the team! With our added capacity, we are planning new studies and will be able to analyze data more rapidly. [Click here to read their biographies.](#)

CEPACT Investigators on the National Stage

In June 2011, Rachel Werner and David Asch presented "Health care quality" at the Office of the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC. Deputy Secretary, W. Scott Gould, and other leaders were in attendance.